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SUBJ: ALLEGED CONSPIRACY AGAINST GUINEAN GOVERNMENT

REF: CONAKRY 1453

1. SPEECH JULY 23 PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED MINJUSTICE DIALLO TELLI AS CHIEF CONSPIRATOR AND RENEGADE. HE ANNOUNCED FIVE OTHER QUOTE FIFTH COLUMNISTS UNQUOTE ARRESTED (SENIOR PARTY OFFICIAL SOULEYMANE, SY SAVANE, CAPT LAMINE KOUYATE, LT ASAN DIALLO, FOREIGN TRADE OFFICIAL DAVID CAMARA, AND FORMER AMBAS-SADOR TO ALGIERS SEKOU CAMARA).

2. TOURE ENLARGED UPON IMPERAILIST CONSPIRACY TO
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OVERTHROW GOG DURING NEXT THREE MONTHS USING

GUINEAN TRAITORS AS AGENTS; HE DESCRIBED SUPPOSED MERCENARY TRAINING CAP IN NIOKOLO KOBIA PARK OF SENEGAL, INDIRECTLY CITED FRANCE, FEDREP AND CIA, AGAIN VICIOUSLY ATTACKED SEGHOR AND HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY, AND ENDEAVORED TO WHIP GUINEAN PUBLIC INTO FRENZY OF PATRIOTISM AND ALERT.

3. ARMY GENERAL STAFF HAS BEEN REORGANIZED, CAPTAIN SIAKA TOURE (PRESIDENT'S INTIMATELY TRUSTED NEPHEW AND CHIEF OF SECURITY) HAS BEEN NAMED GOVERNOR OF CONAKRY, AND GENERAL MOBILIZATION OF MILITIA AND PARTY CADRES ORDERED.

4. COMMENT: DESPITE THE HUBBUB AND ALARM, IT IS DIFFICULT EVEN FOR PARTY LOYALISTS TO TAKE THIS QUOTE IMPERIALIST CONSPIRACY UNQUOTE VERY SERIOUSLY. ROADBLOCKS HAVE NOT BEEN REESTABLISHED IN CONAKRY. MOST GUINEANS SEEM TO RECOGNIZE THE FOREIGN DEVIL ROLE FOR HOUPHOUET AND SENGHOR AS PATENTLY PHONY. SEKOU TOURE HAS BEEN UNEASY ABOUT DIALLO TELLI AS A POTENTIAL RIVAL EVER SINCE TELLI RETURNED FROM OAU IN 1972; HE HAS NOW MOVED TO BE RID OF HIM. TOURE DOES NOT SEEM TO INTEND ANY MORE EXPLICIT EFFORT TO IMPLICATE WESTERN POWERS. ANTICIPATE SOME SORT OF PUBLIC TRIAL AND EXECUTION OF PRISONERS INCLUDING DIALLO TELLI. ENTIRE EPISODE SUGGESTS A DECLINE OF CONFIDENCE ON SEKOU TOURE'S PART. HARROP

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